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## Viewing cable 10BOGOTA235, THAW WITH ECUADOR EVIDENT AT HAITI SUMMIT

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RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC  
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RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
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SUBJECT: THAW WITH ECUADOR EVIDENT AT HAITI SUMMIT

REF: BOGOTA 3011

CLASSIFIED BY: Mark W...

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CLASSIFIED BY: Mark Wells, Political Counselor; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

SUMMARY

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1. (SBU) The Government of Colombia (GOC) continued its leadership in the Haiti relief effort at a February 9 UNASUR (Union of South American Countries) meeting in Quito, Ecuador. At the summit, President Uribe expressed his support for the summit's reconstruction initiatives, including reducing Haiti's outstanding debt to international lenders. President Uribe also spoke briefly with Ecuadoran President Correa, and the two leaders announced plans for a second such meeting in two weeks at the Rio Group Summit in Cancun. MFA officials told us they see this as evidence of a continuing thaw in bilateral relations. End Summary.

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ON UNASUR'S ABILITIES ...

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12. (U) President Uribe attended the Extraordinary Summit of UNASUR countries on February 9 in Quito, Ecuador. Per ref A, the UNASUR countries approved a \$100 million UNASUR fund for Haiti as well as a request for a \$200 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank to be paid back by UNASUR countries. In a post-summit press statement lauding UNASUR's declarations, Uribe added the GOC would also participate in multilateral efforts to reduce Haiti's external debt and would use expertise garnered from a 1999 Colombian quake to help rebuild a mid-sized Haitian city (septel).

13. (C/NF) Paola Lugari, Coordinator for Regional and Multilateral Affairs at Colombia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), told us on February 11 that the GOC was skeptical about UNASUR's ability to effectively follow through on its pledges. She pointed out that the body's lack of internal institutions would make it extremely difficult for UNASUR to collect and distribute such vast amounts of aid. She said two other possible distribution mechanisms -- giving the money to Ecuador (as current UNASUR president) to distribute or giving the money directly to the Haitian government -- were neither realistic nor acceptable to the GOC. She noted that this skepticism was behind the GOC's decision to keep pressing forward with direct bilateral aid and assistance to Haiti.

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RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ECUADOR

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14. (C) Colombian media hailed Uribe's visit to Ecuador as a sign of improving bilateral relations. (NOTE: This was Uribe's first visit to Ecuador since the two countries began to re-establish diplomatic relations in November 2009. Ecuador broke ties after a March 2008 military strike against FARC Commander Raul Reyes's camp just across the border in Ecuador. End Note). Uribe and Correa spoke privately for about 10 minutes -- mostly diplomatic niceties and small talk, Lugari told us -- and agreed to hold another such discussion at the Rio Treaty Summit to be held on February 22-23 in Cancun, Mexico. Uribe later stated in a press interview that he hoped to quickly restore full diplomatic relations with Ecuador.

15. (C/NF) Lugari told us that MFA officials were optimistic that the discussion signified a greater Ecuadorean willingness to improve relations. She opined that Venezuelan President Chavez's domestic problems were reducing his interest in regional affairs, which allowed Chavez allies like Correa a bit more latitude. She added that many in the GOC believe that Correa is finding his former strongly anti-Colombia stance less politically useful and that certain realities -- in particular Ecuador's dependence on Colombia for energy -- were bringing him around to a more practical policy. She concluded that the two leaders' meeting in Cancun would likely set the tone for the bilateral relationship and hoped that the GOC would act reasonably and show a willingness to compromise.

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